

May 26, 1979

Memo to File:

RE: Colt Mesa Mining Company
Chinook Construction, Ltd.
Smith's Fee Ground
Emery County, Utah
ACT/015/016

This reclaimed surface uranium mining operation was inspected by Ron Daniels and Jim Smith on May 22, 1979 to view the results of revegetation of the disturbed area.

Since this past winter has been one of the wettest on record, establishment of vegetation should have reached a fair degree of success. However, the only significant amount of vegetation was a scattering of astragalus. A barely visible covering of newly germinated grass was observed on the flat areas, which most likely will die before developing any seed stage.

While Division personnel were on-site Mr. Butch Bullard arrived and informed Mr. Daniels and Mr. Smith that he had plans to initiate a small underground operation here to remove some additional ore. He had already done the exploratory drilling. His company, Colt Mesa Mining, had done the work for Chinook Construction and now he had the lease. Mr. Bullard had also been the operator of the currently inactive small underground mine immediately to the east, owned by Apollo Corp. in Price (Luke Pappas, Oliveto Building). Mr. Bullard is in the process of trying to renegotiate a lease agreement for this operation.

The Smith's Fee Ground Mine will probably require reseeding again in the fall.

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